

Article - State Finance and Procurement

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§4–316.

(a) Subject to the initial approval of the Secretary, the appropriate purchasing unit for the following entities may use the services of the Department to purchase materials, supplies, and equipment:

- (1) a county;
- (2) a municipality;
- (3) a governmental unit in the State;
- (4) a public or quasi–public agency that:
 - (i) receives State money; and
 - (ii) is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code;

- (5) a private elementary or secondary school that:

- (i) either has been issued a certificate of approval from the State Board of Education or is accredited by the Association of Independent Schools; and

- (ii) is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

- (6) a nonpublic institution of higher education as provided under § 17–106 of the Education Article.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(5) and (6) of this section, the Department may not purchase religious materials on behalf of a private elementary or secondary school or a nonpublic institution of higher education.

(c) The purchasing authority under this section is in addition to, and not a substitution for, the purchasing power of an entity under another law.

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